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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF,
AND OPTICAL DISK REPRODUCING AND
RECORDING UNIT

Examiner: Tod T. Van Roy

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the election requirement dated February 15, 2007, applicants hereby elect the species A corresponding to claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, and 24-26.

Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the Election of Species Requirement with applicants' representative on March 16, 2007. In the discussion, the Examiner agreed that the descriptions of species A and B were transposed on Page 2 of the Action, and that claims 25 and 26, which were inadvertently omitted in the Action, belong to species A. Accordingly, applicants have elected species A, the claims of which recite at least on clad layer disposed between a substrate and an active region.

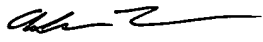
Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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